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THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

Case No. : PIL(Suo Moto)/3/2020

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GUWAHATI, ASSAM

VERSUS

IN RE - THE UNION OF INDIA AND 7 ORS
REPRESENTED BY SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF MINES, SHASTRI BHAWAN,
DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD ROAD, ROOM NO. 320, A-WING, NEW DELHI -
110001

2:THE STATE OF ASSAM
REPRESENTED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
DISPUR
GUWAHATI - 781006

3:THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
HOME AND POLITICAL DEPARTMENT
DISPUR
GUWAHATI - 781006

4:THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
ASSAM
FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
DISPUR
GUWAHATI - 781006

5:THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR AND HEAD OF FOREST FORCE
ARANYA BHAWAN
PANJABARI
GUWAHATI - 781037

6:THE DIRECTOR
THE DIRECTORATE OF GEOLOGICAL AND MINING DEPARTMENT
KAHILIPARA
GUWAHATI - 781019

7:COAL INDIA LIMITED
REPRESENTED BY THE CHAIRMAN-CUM-MANAGING DIRECTOR
COAL BHAWAN
PREMISE NO.04 MAR
PLOT NO. AF-III
ACTION AREA-1A
NEWTOWN
RAJARHAT
KOLKATA - 700156

8:THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT - TINSUKIA
ASSAM
PIN - 786125

9:NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY
AUTHORITY

10:STATE BIODIVERSITY
BOARD
ASSAM

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR. T J MAHANTA, SR. ADV

Advocate for the Respondent : MR. M Z AHMED (R7)

Linked Case : PIL/77/2018

ASOM BASAOK
A NGO BEARING REGISTRATION NO. KAH(H)/263/K/211 HAVING ITS
REGISTERED OFFICE AT ASOM BASAOK
302 BASISTHA ROAD
THE WILDERNESS
BELTOLA
GUWAHATI- 781028 REPRESENTED BY ITS GENERAL SECRETARY
SHRI RAJEEV BHATTACHARYYA
S/O SHRI HIRANYA KUMAR BHATTACHARYYA.

VERSUS

THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT
FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND 37 ORS.
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY
INDIRA PARYAVARAN BHAVAN
JORBAGH ROAD
NEW DELHI- 110003.

2:FOREST SURVEY OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE)
REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTOR GENERAL
KAULAGARH ROAD
P.O. IPE DHERADUN- 248195
UTTARAKHAND (INDIA).

3:THE STATE OF ASSAM
REPRESENTED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
ASSAM
DISPUR
GUWAHATI- 781006.

4:THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM
FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
DISPUR
GUWAHATI-6.

5:THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF ASSAM
LAND REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
DISPUR
GUWAHATI-6.

6:THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST AND HEAD OF FOREST
FORCE
ASSAM
PANJABARI
GUWAHATI.

7:(SPECIAL) PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
KARBI ANGLONG
DIPHU.

8:(SPECIAL) PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
(LOWER ASSAM ZONE)

9:(SPECIAL) PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
(CAMPA)

O/O THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST AND HEAD OF
FOREST FORCE
ASSAM.

10:(SPECIAL) PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
(BIO-DIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE)

O/O THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST AND HEAD OF
FOREST FORCE

ASSAM.

11:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

NAGAON DIVISION.

12:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

GOLAGHAT.

13:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

NORTH KAMRUP

RANGIA.

14:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

LAKHIMPUR.

15:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

DHEMAJI DIVISION.

16:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

NAGAON WL DIVISION.

17:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

CACHAR DIVISION

18:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

EAWL

BOKAKHAT.

19:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

KAMRUP EAST DIVISION.

20:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

JORHAT DIVISION.

21:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

NAGAON SF DIVISION

NAGAON.

22:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

LAKHIMPUR SF DIVISION.

23:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

SONITPUR EAST DIVISION

BISWANATH CHARIALI.

24:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

PARBOTJHORA DIVISION

SUPARIGHAT.

25:ASSISTANT CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
ATTACHED TO THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
SONITPUR WEST DIVISION.

26:ASSISTANT CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
ATTACHED TO THE THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
LAKHIMPUR DIVISION.

27:ASSISTANT CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
ATTACHED TO THE THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER EAWL DIVISION
BOKAKHAT.

28:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
KAMRUP WEST DIVISION
BAMUNGAON
KAMRUP
ASSAM.

29:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
KAMRUP EAST DIVISION
BASISTHA
KAMRUP
ASSAM.

30:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
KARIMGANJ DIVISION
DIST. KARIMGANJ
ASSAM.

31:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
DIGBOI DIVISION
DIST. TINSUKIA
ASSAM.

32:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
N.C. HILLS DIVISION
HAFLONG
ASSAM.

33:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
AIE VALLEY DIVISION
BONGAIGAON
ASSAM.

34:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
KACHUGAON DIVISION
GOSAIGAON
ASSAM.

35:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
HALTUGAON DIVISION
KOKRAJHAR
ASSAM.

36:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
DHEMAJI DIVISION
DHEMAJI
ASSAM.

37:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

SIVASAGAR DIVISION
KAMRUP
ASSAM.
38:THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
DIBRUGARH DIVISION
KAMRUP
ASSAM.

Advocate for : MR. K N CHOUDHURY
Advocate for : ASSTT.S.G.I. appearing for THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT
FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND 37 ORS.

BEFORE
HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SUMAN SHYAM

ORDER

Date : 23.03.2023

Mr. M. K. Yadav, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Head of Forest Forces is present in the Court for assisting the Court in this PIL of great public importance as the same relates to the burning issue of rapid loss of forest cover in the North Eastern States.

Mr. Yadav has made certain oral submissions which we would like to be brought on record in the form of an affidavit.

Let the needful be done by the next date fixed.

Re-notify on 30.03.2023.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE

Comparing Assistant